



CITY OF KINGSTON PLANNING BOARD SITE VISIT
Proposed Irish Cultural Center – 32 Abeel Street
July 21, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne D. Platte, Jr., Chairman, MaryJo Wiltshire, Charles Polacco, Jonathan Korn, and William Tubby.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Dwyer, Robert Jacobsen and Jamie Mills.

APPLICANT TEAM PRESENT: Robert Carey, applicant; Ronald Pordy and Deborah Robbins, attorneys; Brad Will, architect; Matt Rudikoff, Planner; Mark Tiano, engineer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Suzanne Cahill, Planning Director, Kyla Haber, Assistant Planner, Daniel Gartenstein, Asst. Corp. Counsel, Ald. Steven Schabot, Ald. Deb Brown, Ald. Reynold Scott-Childress, Gus Dine, Planning Intern.

The Planning Board, the applicants, press, and members of the public met in the West Strand municipal parking lot. Brad Will explained the proposed elevation drawings pointing to stakes in the hillside that were placed to show where the bottom floor of the center is proposed to begin. B. Will and R. Carey explained where the design of the building was similar from the original structure that was historically present and how they chose some different design features.

The group walked up Company Hill Path and onto Abeel Street to view the site. The applicants had marked out the footprint of the building in white paint and delineated property lines in white paint as well. B. Will explained that the footprint of the building is 7100sf. The bottom floor that would hold the theater will be built into the hill so that it appears as three stories on the West Strand side and 2 stories on the Abeel Street side. Planning Board members and press were invited to walk the site and look at the proposed layout.

W. Platte motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:58pm. C. Polacco seconded the motion. All were in favor. (WP, MW, CP, JK, WT – Yes)